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SUBJECT:CANADIAN POSITION ON ILO

SUMMARY.

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS CANADIAN EMBASSY MADE STRONG PLEA JULY 31 FOR US RETURN TO ILO TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO DEFEND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH ILO STANDS. END SUMMARY

2. IN MEETING WITH GERALD HELMAN, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, CANADIAN MINISTER MATHIEU MADE ORAL PRESENTATION AND LEFT "BOUT DE PAPIER" CITING POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 1978 INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE AND URGING A US DECISION TO RETURN TO THE ILO. THE CANADIAN PAPER CITED (1) DEFEAT OF THE SYRIAN/LIBYAN RESOLUTION AGAINST ISRAEL, (2) PASSAGE OF THE CACR REPORT AFFIRMING UNIFORM APPLICATION OF STANDARDS, AND (3) FAVORABLE RESULTS OF GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS AS NOTEWORTHY EVENTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE POSITIVE CONFERENCE RESULTS.

3. THE CANADIANS CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF ISSUES TO BE

RESOLVED BY THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE DURING THE COMING YEAR -- PARTICULARLY THE NEGOTIATION OF ADEQUATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. THEY NOTED THEIR REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS THAT "CHANGES IN STRUCTURE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS FOR OUR SHARED INTERESTS AND WITH FULL PROTECTION FOR THE TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE OF THE ILO" AND THAT A PROCEDURE CAN BE ADOPTED FOR SCREENING OUT CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS WHICH VIOLATE THE PRINCIPLES OF DUE PROCESS.

4. AFTER NOTING THE SUCCESSES SCORED BY THE IMEC GROUP AT THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE, EVEN WITHOUT THE US PRESENT, THE CANADIAN PAPER SAID "IT IS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT THAT THIS CAN CONTINUE INDEFINITELY IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT A UNITED STATES PRESENCE.... IN CALLING ATTENTION TO THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THE ILO HAS MADE, WE ALSO WISH TO STRESS THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE IMEC GROUP HAS HAD IN THE ABSENCE OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS HARD TO ENVISAGE THAT THESE DIFFICULTIES WOULD COMPLETELY DISAPPEAR EVEN WITH THE RETURN OF THE UNITED STATES BUT IN OUR VIEW THE POSITION OF THE IMEC GROUP WOULD BE GREATLY STRENGTHENED BY RENEWED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. WE BELIEVE IT IS WORTH A CONTINUING STRUGGLE TO DEFEND THOSE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THE ILO STANDS WHICH ARE PROTECTED IN NO OTHER INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATION. IT WOULD BE OF THE GREATEST ENCOURAGEMENT TO
LIKE-MINDED ILO MEMBERS SHOULD THE UNITED STATES DECIDE
ONCE MORE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COLLECTIVE EFFORT."

5. HELMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CANADIAN ASSESS-
MENT AND FOR THE IMPORTANT CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE
SUCCESSFUL RESULTS AT THE CONFERENCE. HE DECLINED TO
SPECULATE ON THE PROSPECT FOR THE EARLY RETURN OF THE US TO
THE ILO, PENDING THE OUTCOME OF A CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE
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